

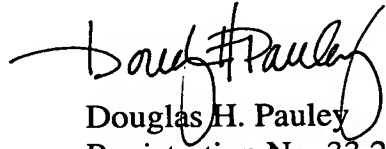
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above Preliminary Amendment to place this U.S. Patent Application in better form for examination and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependent claims and to more definitely and fully claim the subject matter of Applicants' invention. Applicants urge that the above Preliminary Amendment introduces no new matter into this U.S. Patent Application.

Applicants sincerely believe that this U.S. Patent Application is now in condition for examination and prosecution before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION JUL 2006

Field of the Invention

Mounting Plate for Electronic Components

[The] ^{This} invention relates to a mounting plate for electronic components, having coolant lines integrated in a plate body for [a] cooling fluid to flow through, wherein a fastening arrangement for mounting electronic components to be cooled is arranged on the plate body. *a Discussion of Related Art*

[From the prior art it] ^{is} known to install cooling coils in a mounting plate or ^a mounting board for cooling electronic devices, for example frequency converters, which are to be mounted on the mounting plate. The waste heat from the electronic components can be removed by [means of] a so-called "cold plate".

The electronic components can be held on [such] a known mounting plate by [means of] screw connections. Screw holes are ^{thus} provided [for this purpose] in the housings of the electronic components, through which a screw can be screwed into threaded holes to be cut into the mounting plate. However, holes cannot be cut into the known mounting plates without the danger of damage to the cooling coils.

[Furthermore, the] ^{the} electronic components often have varied dimensions, so that different fastening dimensions also exist. It is [therefore] often not possible to provide the mounting plate with a prefabricated grid of threaded holes, because the threaded holes arranged on the housings of the electronic components are not aligned with the [former] *other threaded holes*

In [connection with] known mounting plates of the PADA Engineering company, [the] cooling coils are placed so they are visible from the plate surface in order to prevent accidental damage of the coolant conduits during the subsequent mechanical processing of the mounting plate [in this way].

However, it is necessary in connection with the known mounting plates to cut specially arranged threaded bores, depending on the fastening dimensions of the electronic components to be mounted. This is expensive from ^athe viewpoint of ^{standpoint} manufacturing technology.

The packing density of several electronic components to be mounted is also reduced by the mounting areas prescribed by the position of the cooling coils, ^{because} (since) not every location is suitable for drilling a threaded hole ^{due to} (because of) the layout of the coolant lines.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION
It is ^{one} ~~the~~ object of ^{this} ~~the~~ invention to ^a ~~disclose~~ ^{provide} a mounting plate for electronic components which, along with a reduced mounting ^{cost} outlay, assures the secure holding of electronic components to be mounted, and dependably prevents ^{the danger of} damage to the coolant lines. In addition, the mounting plate in accordance with ^{this} ~~the~~ invention ^{is intended} to ^{can} make possible the greatest possible packing density of the electronic components.

This object of ^{this} ~~the~~ invention is ^{achieved with a fastening arrangement} ~~attained by means of~~ ^{having} the characteristics ^{of claim 1}. Advantageous further embodiments are ^{this specification and in the} described in ~~the~~ respective dependent claims.

Accordingly, the fastening arrangement has at least one first groove ^{that} which is embodied to be C-shaped in cross section and ^{that} extends in a straight line in the extension direction of the mounting plate, into which at least one screw nut for forming a screw connection with an electronic component can be inserted ^{and} (in a manner) fixed against relative rotation. The additional cutting of threaded holes is avoided by ^(means of) this arrangement. Mounting can be simply performed, wherein the matching to the structural conditions of the component housings is possible because of the

arbitrarily possible positioning of the screw nut.

In accordance with ^{one} [a further basic] consideration, the fastening arrangement can have at least one second groove, which is designed identically to the first groove and ^{which} extends parallel with the first groove, whose distance from the first groove is substantially determined by ^a [the] length of extension perpendicularly ^{with} [in] respect to the first and second grooves of the electronic component to be mounted. It is ^{thus} assured [by means of this] that, with a preset fastening dimension of electronic components to be mounted, simple securing on the mounting plate can take place.

In accordance with ^{one embodiment} [an advantageous further development], the fastening arrangement can have a further groove, which is embodied identically to the first and ^{the} second grooves and ~~that~~ extends parallel with the second groove and which extends at the side of the second groove facing away from ^{the} the electronic component to be mounted at a distance [from the latter] which is less than the distance between the first groove and the second groove. With this arrangement, an additionally ^{used} [further] fastening dimension of electronic components to be mounted is taken into account.

Electronic components can be mounted in a simple manner, which have screw holes ^{at a} [whose] distance from each other ~~that~~ corresponds to the distance of the second groove from the first groove, or ^{to} [that of] the still further groove from the second groove. In this way the electronic components can be directly fastened by [means of] screws in the screw nuts inserted into the grooves.

However, in case the fastening dimensions of the electronic components to be mounted do not agree with the distances between the parallel extending grooves, [i.e.] ^{such as} if the

electronic components to be mounted have screw holes whose distance from each other is less than the distance of the second groove from the first groove, or less than the distance of the still further groove from the first groove, *then* the component can be fixed in place at least on one side by *[means of]* an angle bracket, wherein at least one screw engaging the angle bracket is screwed into the screw nut introduced into the respective groove.

Here, the angle bracket can have a level base plate for placement against the mounting plate and a clamping area angled off *(in)* *with* respect to it for the clamping fixation of the electronic component to be mounted. In this case, the clamping area can clampingly act on a protrusion provided on the electronic component.

For achieving a particularly simple matching to different fastening dimensions of electronic components to be mounted, the angle bracket can have at least one elongated hole extending perpendicularly *(in)* *with* respect to the extension direction of the second groove or of the still further groove for receiving the screw.

In *(an advantageous)* *one* embodiment the screw nut can be a spring nut.

(In) *with* regard to manufacturing technology, it can be advantageous if the first groove, the second groove and/or the still further groove are made of one piece with the plate body.

view *[The]* *This* *BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS* *(will be)* *is* explained in greater detail in *[what follows by means]* of a preferred embodiment, *[while]* making reference to the *(attached)* drawings.

Shown are in *Fig. 1* *wherein*

Fig. 1 *shows* in a schematic and perspective lateral view a

mounting plate without electronic components to be mounted on it and to be cooled.

Fig. 2 shows in a schematic and perspective lateral view an angle bracket for mounting, which can be matched to various fastening dimensions, of electronic components to be mounted and

Fig. 3 shows in a schematic and perspective lateral view the mounting plate in accordance with Fig. 1 with electronic components to be mounted on it and to be cooled, each of which is clampingly held on one side by an angle bracket, in accordance with Fig. 2.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION
In a schematic and perspective lateral view, Fig. 1 shows a mounting plate 10 without electronic components to be mounted on it and to be cooled. The mounting plate 10 has a level plate body 14 made of aluminum, in which a coolant line with connectors 16 and 18 in the form of a cooling coil, not shown [visible], is formed for coolant [to] flow [through]. In the area into which the coolant coil [has been] integrally placed, the plate body 14 [has] not [been] additionally machined and is shaped flat and level. On the right side in Fig. 1 of the area into which the coolant coil has been integrally placed, a first groove 20, which is embodied to be approximately C-shaped in cross section and extends straight in the extension direction (arrow A) of the mounting plate 10, [has been] [formed] in one piece with the plate body. At least one spring nut (not [represented]) shown for forming a screw connection with an electronic component can be introduced, fixed against relative rotation, into the first groove 20. The electronic components to be attached can then be screwed together with the nut.

A second groove 22 extends parallel with the first

groove 20 on the side of the plate body at the left in Fig. 1, into which the coolant coil ~~(has been)~~^{is} integrally placed. The distance B between the first groove 20 and the second groove is determined ~~(for one)~~ by the area of the plate body into which the coolant coil ~~(has been)~~^{is} integrally placed, and ^{also} ~~(furthermore)~~ ⁽ⁱⁿ⁾ ~~with~~ by the extension length, running perpendicularly ^{with} respect to the first groove 20 and the second groove 22, of an electronic component.

A further groove 24 extends parallel with the first groove 20 and the second groove 22, which extends on the side 26 of the second groove facing away from the electronic component to be mounted at a distance C to the second groove. ²² The distance C is less than the distance B between the first groove 20 and the second groove 22 and is matched to a different fastening dimension than that of the second groove 22.

Electronic components to be mounted, whose housing has screw holes ~~(whose)~~^{with a} distance ~~(that)~~ corresponds to the distance B of the second groove 22 from the first groove 20, or of the still further groove 24 from the first groove 20, can be directly fastened by ~~(means of)~~ screws in the screw nuts inserted into the grooves 20, 22, 24.

In a schematic and perspective lateral view, Fig. 2 shows an angle bracket 30 for mounting, which can be matched to various fastening dimensions of electronic components to be mounted.

Electronic components to be mounted, ~~(whose)~~^{having} ~~(whose)~~^{at a} screw holes ~~(whose)~~^{that} distance from each other ^{is less than} the distance B (represented in Fig. 1) of the second groove 22 from the first groove 20, or less than the distance of the still further groove 24 from the first groove 20, can be ^{with} ~~(have)~~

clampingly fixed in place at least on one side by the angle bracket 30 by [means of] at least one screw (not represented) engaging the screw nut introduced into the appropriate groove 22.

The angle bracket 30 has a level base plate 34 for placement against the mounting plate 10 and a clamping area 36, angled off it and made in one piece, for the clamping fixation in place of the electronic component to be mounted.

The angle bracket 30 has two elongated holes 38 and 39 extending perpendicularly (arrow D) to the extension direction (arrow A) of the second groove 22 or the still further groove 24 for receiving a screw (not represented).

In a schematic and perspective lateral view, Fig. 3 shows the mounting plate 10 in accordance with Fig. 1 with frequency converters 12 to be mounted on it and to be cooled, each of which is clampingly held on one side by an angle bracket 30 in accordance with Fig. 2.

The frequency converters, whose extension B does not match the spacing between the two grooves 20 and 22, are each screwed together on the side on the right in Fig. 3 with screws engaging the spring nuts (not represented) introduced into the groove 20. Such a screw (has been¹⁵ provided^{with} the reference numeral 28 in Fig. 3.

On the left side in Fig. 3, the frequency converters 12 are each clamped to an additional angle bracket, one of which has (been provided with] the reference numeral 30. For example, a screw 32 in the elongated hole 38 of the angle bracket 30 represented, engages a spring nut (not represented) introduced into the second groove 22. The angle bracket 30 clampingly engages a protrusion 13 on the housing of the frequency converter 12. The fastening dimension which

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does not match the groove distances is compensated by (means
of] the elongated hole.